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Revised

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE****HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT****CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

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**TITLE: LIFEGUARD / INSTRUCTOR****DEFINITION**

Under supervision, to perform responsible and technical work in the protection of life, the enforcement of safety rules and regulations, and the provision of swimming instructions at a public swimming pool; and to do related work as required.

**REPORTS TO:** Pool Manager**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives supervision from the Pool Manager.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Supervise the activities of swimmers in and around a public swimming pool; enforce pool regulations and water safety policies.
- Rescue swimmers in distress, administer first aid in the event of injury, and administer artificial respiration and other resuscitation procedures, if required.
- Collect and account for swimming pool admission fees.
- Instruct scheduled classes in the fundamentals of swimming and water safety.
- Participate in cleaning the pool and related facilities and equipment.
- Inspect and maintain lifesaving equipment and apparatus.

**QUALIFICATIONS****Knowledge of:**

- Principles and practices of water safety, rescue methods, lifesaving techniques and first aid as applied to accidents and accident prevention in the water and surrounding pool areas.
- Techniques and methods of swimming instruction for all age groups.

**Ability to:**

- Swim with proficiency and endurance and meet standards of swimming competency as may be established by the City of Riverside.
- Prevent dangerous situations from arising, to recognize emergencies, and to take appropriate action.
- Effectively instruct persons in the techniques of swimming and in water safety.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing.

- **Education and Experience:**

Any combination of experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Equivalent to the completion of the ninth grade.

Experience: No experience required for entry level.

Range

Progression: Step 1 - Entry level.

Step 2 - Completion of one pool season (a minimum of 3 months) of full-time lifeguard/teaching experience. Possession of a current Water Safety Instructor's Certificate is required.

Step 3 - Completion of two pool seasons (a minimum of 6 months) of full-time (cumulative) lifeguard/teaching experience and possession of a current Water Safety Instructor's Certificate (required).

**MEDICAL CATEGORY:** Group 1

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum age sixteen years.

Possession of a Water Safety Instructor's Certificate required at Step 2 and Step 3.

Possession of a current American Red Cross Lifeguard certificate (which includes first aid).

Possession of a current American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer Certificate or American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate.

**CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**FROM:** Lifeguard/Instructor

**TO:** Assistant Aquatics Coordinator